

9 FAM PART IV Appendix C, ETHIOPIA

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RECIPROCITY

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Visa	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	\$50.00 [A] [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	24 MONTHS
B-2	\$50.00 [A] [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	24 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	\$50.00 [A] [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	24 MONTHS
C-1	\$20.00	MULTIPLE	3 MONTHS
C-1/D	N/A	N/A	N/A
C-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	6 MONTHS
E-2 [2]	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	6 MONTHS
F-1	\$20.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
F-2	\$20.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
H-1B	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
H-3	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
H-4	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
I	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	6 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	12 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	12 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
L-2	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
M-1	\$20.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
M-2	\$20.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]

O-2	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
O-3	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
P-1	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
P-2	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
P-3	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
P-4	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS
R-2	\$50.00 [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	36 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

[A] Bearers of diplomatic or official passports are entitled to visas valid for:

B-1 NONE MULTIPLE 12 MONTHS

B-2 NONE MULTIPLE 12 MONTHS

[B] \$20.00 12 Months One Entry

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)

Embassy will check a file only if the file is at post.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police and Prison Records

(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)

Available only to those resident in Ethiopia. Certificates of good conduct from the police (Interpol) are available only to people 18 years or older who apply in person in Ethiopia. Three photos, a valid travel document, and a letter requesting the investigation are required for certificate issuance. Persons released from prison are normally given an official release record.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)

In principle, any person who has served in the military is given a letter of discharge; the Ministry of Defense can, upon request, issue letters confirming the military service of Dergue (Mengistu government) personnel who remain on active duty within the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF), as well as those who served under the Tigrayan People's Liberation Front (TPLF). However, in practice, military records generally are not available.

Birth Certificate

(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)

Available only to those resident in Ethiopia. Requests for copies of previously issued birth certificates should be addressed to the Office of Region 14 Administration, Vital Statistics Service, Municipality of Addis Ababa, P.O. Box 356, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; or to the equivalent office or any other municipality in which the birth was registered.

For children under ten years of age, a hospital birth certificate, court document confirming parentage, or a baptismal certificate and acknowledgment from one's "kebele" (urban neighborhood association) are sufficient documentation for issuance of a birth certificate. For children between the ages of eleven and thirteen, the above mentioned documents and school records are required for issuance. Any of the above documents and an identity card are satisfactory for issuance of birth certificates for persons over the age of eighteen.

Persons applying for original birth certificates should contact the appropriate municipal authorities and present hospital birth records, which have been authenticated by their "kebele." Because of the nature of the "kebele" system, the birth certificate may be issued by the municipality where the person presently resides rather than where the birth actually took place.

Marriage Certificate

(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)

Available only to those physically present in Ethiopia. Requests should be addressed to the municipality where the marriage was registered. The address is the same as that for birth certificates.

Death Certificate

(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)

If the death occurred at home, acknowledgments from three witnesses, a certificate from the deceased's "kebele", as well as a certificate from the church where the body is interred are required for issuance of a municipal death certificate. If the death occurred in a hospital, a death certificate issued by the hospital and a church/burial site certificate are necessary for the issuance of a municipal death certificate.

Divorce Certificate

(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)

Available only to those resident in Ethiopia. Obtaining a divorce is a rather lengthy process in Ethiopia. Each party must have two appointed family arbiters, acceptable to the court. The first priority of the family arbiters is to attempt to reunite the husband and wife. If this is not possible, they will then negotiate agreements for property settlement and child custody. The arbiters must present the agreement to the court for a final decision. Upon presentation of the court's ruling and a copy of the judgments signed by all parties involved, the municipality will issue a divorce certificate in the Amharic language only. Most marriages in Ethiopia are religious in nature and the civil divorce procedures and laws are intertwined with the religious commitments regarding termination of marriages.

NOTE: Civil registration of births, marriages, and deaths is not automatic in Ethiopia. The documentation of these events is relatively new and largely confined to urban areas. A church-issued document, an acknowledgment from one's "kebele", and affidavits from three witnesses, all of which can be had for a price, are sufficient evidence for issuance of certificates. Relationships are rarely investigated for veracity. With the exception of divorce decrees, all certificates are available in Amharic, English, or English-Amharic combinations.

Adoption Decree

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Contracts of adoption are signed by the adopting parents and the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs. The court decree must be affixed to the contract in order for the adoption to be valid.

Identity Card

(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)

Identity cards are issued by "kebeles" to those eighteen and older, and by schools to students. There is no uniform identification document.

PASSPORTS - INFORMATION ON TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Passport

(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)

Passports are issued by the Ministry of Internal Affairs for a two year period. The Ministry or an Ethiopian Embassy or Consulate may renew a passport multiple times for additional two year periods.

Laissez-Passer

(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)

Issued for children under the age of five years. The laissez-passer is a large white single sheet of paper folded in half. The validity depends on the travel plans, but never exceeds two years or the child's fifth birthday.

POST COMMENT: Since June 2, 1991, Ethiopia has been governed by a transitional government, which issues its own civil documents. However, many documents from previous regimes are still valid and in circulation. There have been numerous personnel changes in various ministries and municipal offices and not all government officials and civil servants are aware of which documents are available or how to obtain them.

VISA ISSUING POST

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Addis Ababa (E) All Categories

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICED

(TL:VISA- 1135; 02-26-1993)

All of Ethiopia.